



ST GREGORY'S QUEANBEYAN NEWSLETTER

Week Nine, Term Two, 2016
21 June, 2016



Share the Spirit....

Dear Parents and Carers,

The following information is provided to assist you in understanding some of the key facts about Catholic schools in Australia and the key issues facing Catholic education in the lead up to the Federal election.

Key facts about Catholic schools in Australia

- More than 765,000 students attend 1,731 Catholic schools across Australia.
- With 91,000 staff in those schools, Catholic education is a significant Australian employer.
- Catholic schools receive government funding, which covers 65 per cent of the cost of schooling in the ACT. Fees and private income cover the rest.
- Catholic schools are welcoming and inclusive communities, with the number of students with disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students doubling over the past decade.
- Almost one-third of students in Catholic schools are non-Catholic.

Key issues for Catholic schools

1. Respect for religious freedom in Catholic schools.

Catholic schools, respecting the rights and freedoms of parents and carers to choose schooling for their children in the Catholic tradition, should continue to be free to form and instruct students in the Catholic faith and celebrate the faith as an integral and inseparable activity of the Catholic school.

2. Government funding that keeps pace with school costs.

Government policy to increase school funding at the rate of CPI from 2018 could see funding increases fail to keep pace with school costs. That could lead to even larger fee increases, affect school quality or lead to school closures.

3. Government funding that is needs-based.

School funding should reflect students' learning needs, with greater educational need attracting additional funding. Catholic schools' commitment to meeting the learning needs of all students requires appropriate government funding.

4. Government funding to support the construction of new Catholic schools.

More than 70 new Catholic schools are planned in the next five years to meet growing demand for school places. Without additional capital funding, these schools may not be built. Government funding is also needed to maintain and upgrade existing Catholic schools.

5. Respect for the autonomy of Catholic schools.

The ability of Catholic schools and systems to meet the local needs of a school community is one of their strengths. Government funding arrangements should respect the identity, integrity and autonomy of Catholic school and education systems.

May you always be aware of the mercy of God's love,

**Erin Taylor
Principal (Acting)**



IMPORTANT EVENTS

Tuesday 21 June

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation
Kaye Lowe Parent Information Workshop
MacQuoid Street 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday 22 June

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation
Semester One reports sent home
Sullivan Shield Rugby League - Round 2
Year 6 Volunteers to George Forbes House

Thursday 23 June

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation
Bookings Open for Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 24 June

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation
Bookings Open for Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews
First Eucharist Retreat Day

Saturday 25 June

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation
Bookings Open for Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews
5:30 pm First Eucharist St Raphael's Church

Sunday 26 June

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation
Bookings Open for Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews
9am First Eucharist St Raphael's Church
11am First Eucharist St Raphael's Church

Monday 27 June

Second Hand Clothing Pool Open
Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation
Bookings Open for Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews
CPS Rugby Union Trials

Tuesday 28 June

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation
Bookings Open for Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews
School Council Meeting 6pm
Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Night
7pm - 8:30 pm MacQuoid Street School Hall



Focus Value for June - *'Remember God's Mercy by believing in yourself.'*

From the Principal.....

PRAYERS: Please keep Kate and Garreth Wigg and families in your prayers following the death of Kate's Grandfather last week. We also pray for Brayden, Grace, Kobi and the Verran family, following the death of their Grandfather. Please keep Dejan Celeski (3 Gold) in our prayers.

FIRST EUCHARIST: First Eucharist will be celebrated in our Parish on Saturday, 25th & Sunday 26th June. Please pray for the children of our Parish as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Lord Jesus, Bless the children preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May that first time be the initial step towards a life-long love of the Eucharist, give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow in full discipleship.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the following children who competed in the NSW Country State Championships for Basketball last week: Ellie and Talia DaSilva, Sienna and Alyssa Harajli, Giselle Arona, Rhiannon O'Brien

MESSAGE FROM CATHOLIC EDUCATION: It is the policy of the Catholic Education Office to provide a process for the review of all Principals' performance towards the end of each contract period. Ms Claire Frazer, St Gregory's Primary School, Queanbeyan will participate in this review process during July this year. Your assistance with the community consultation part of this process would be appreciated by completing a short survey by this **FRIDAY 24 June 2016**. Please click on the following link to complete the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8GQYJK7>

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS: On Wednesday, 22 June. Semester Reports will be sent home. This is an opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements as well as offer some advice to assist in further growth and improvement.

OPTIONAL PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Accompanying the school report will be a PTO (Parent Teacher Online) letter outlining the process for booking a Parent Teacher interview. Access to this online tool will be live from Thursday, 23 June. Located on the back of the School Report letter you will find your own login pin to book on-line. Please note, for parents needing to book separate appointment times, individual passcodes have been provided (if necessary). Students are welcome to attend these interviews if parents feel that would be beneficial. There is some wisdom particularly in the upper grades to have the students involved in discussions about their learning. Teachers are generally available in the mornings from 8:15am and after school till 5:00pm provided they do not have a duty or are not involved in meetings.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR KAYE LOWE: Come along! It's not too late to RSVP and come along to the parent workshop **TONIGHT from 6.30pm-7.30pm** in the MacQuoid Street Library. The workshop is aimed at sharing effective literacy strategies for reading and writing. It is a great opportunity for Parents to engage in current literacy practices. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to : erin.taylor@cg.catholic.edu.au or leave a message with Karen or Emma at the Lowe or MacQuoid Street office.

PARVO VIRUS: There has been a reported case of Parvo virus in the school. Parvovirus B19 infection is a mild rash illness that occurs most commonly in children. The ill child typically has a "slapped-cheek" rash on the face and a lacy red rash on the trunk and limbs. The child is not very ill, and the rash resolves in 7 to 10 days. More information can be found on the link...
[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/parvovirus-B19-and-\(fifth-disease\).aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/parvovirus-B19-and-(fifth-disease).aspx)



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal's Award at the last whole school assembly.

K Blue	Elijah Brown
K Gold	Aprika Joshi
K Red	Sophie McIntyre
K White	Chelsea Rogers
1 Blue	Tara Willis
1 Gold	Seth Marsden
1 Red	Orlando Blazeki
1 White	Tristan Stewart
2 Blue	Anthony Oldfield
2 Gold	Connor Oldfield
2 Red	Charli Stokes-Oldfield
2 White	Hamish Canestrani
3 Blue	Yashmeen Dandiwal
3 Red	Vince Madriaga
3 White	Lachlan Mallia
4 Gold	Dylan DeJong
4 Red	Elizabeth Gruber
4 White	Sophia Watson
5 Blue	Eleanor MacDonald-Smith
5 Red	Jay Duncan
5 White	Olivia Worthington
6 Blue	Grace Graham
6 Gold	Toby Goodyer
6 White	Jack Murphy
6 White	Ryan Weatherby
Gold Bands	Sarah Taloni
	Sienna Hamlin
	Alexis Lyons
	Naomi McInnes
	Christopher Hodges
	Rory Forbes

KAYE LOWE TONIGHT

Adjunct Professor Kaye Lowe will be conducting a parent workshop on Tuesday 21st June 6:30 -7:30 pm in the MacQuoid Street Library.

The workshop will have practical and effective suggestions for assisting children with reading. Please check out the website.

<http://www.read4success.com.au>

For more information contact the school:

office.stgregs@cg.catholic.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Premiers Reading Challenge 2016



NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge

remier's Reading Challenge 2016
We currently have 280 students
enrolled with 86 students finished
and another 133 completing
online records. Congratulations

to the following students who completed their challenge this week **Samuel Adkins 4W, Poppy Howell 4W, William Ireland 4G, Riley Minchin 4W, Peter Murray 4W, Dominic Trinidad 4G, Tilly Upton 4W and Deion Trinidad 6B**. Any queries can be directed to rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au but please ensure you include your child's name and class in your email.

Children's Writing Competition



Children's Writing Competition:
Make Your Own Story Book.

"Do you love story books? Have you ever wanted to create your own? Now is your chance!

The ACT Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia is proudly presenting the Make Your Own Story Book Competition. Write and illustrate your own picture or chapter book for the chance to meet one of Australia's best loved authors, Jackie French, and win great prizes too! Entry is open for all local students from Year 1 - Year 8. See the website <http://cbcaact.org.au/myosb> for more details and get ready to be our next Andy Griffiths or Alison Lester."

The Children's Book Council of Australia ACT Branch

CANTEEN NEWS

Helper at Lowe Street this week are:
Thursday 23 June Michelle Welch
Friday 24 June June Lawrence

Volunteers are always welcome at MacQuoid Street, even if just for an hour or more. Please contact Rosemarie on 6297 2221. Thank you.



NAIDOC MASS

For the children that were invited to attend the NAIDOC Mass and who have not sent back their RSVP, can you please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you
Lauren Macdonald

FIRST EUCHARIST



First Eucharist Masses

St Raphael's Church
Saturday 25th June 5:30pm
Sunday 26th June 9am
Sunday 26th June 11am

PARISH NEWS



St Gregory's Parish will be running the ALPHA course starting 22 June 2016. The ALPHA course is a CD based course exploring your individual faith. The course comprises of ten, 20 minute sessions presented by Rev Nicky Gumbel from Holy Trinity Brompton in London. Each session will involve a welcome, CD Presentation and small group discussion for 20 minutes.

Who can attend? ANYONE
How long is each session? 1 hour
Do you have to attend all sessions? No only the ones you are interested in!

Is there a cost? Gold coin for tea, coffee and muffin

Sessions - 7:30pm Parish Centre, St Greg's Primary MacQuoid Street.

Sessions are:
22 June Christianity, Boring, Untrue, & Irrelevant?
29 June Who is Jesus?
6 July Why did Jesus die?

For further information please contact the parish office 6299 4611.

PARISH NEWS

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



COME HOLY SPIRIT FILL THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL

CONFIRMATION preparation is about to begin in our Parish here at St Gregory's. I would like to extend an INVITATION to any people who are Baptised Catholics but for whatever reason have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation, for example Communion and/or Confirmation, if you are interested please contact me by Tuesday 28 June at the parish, on 6299 4611.

I have a few young adults who have expressed an interest so I am very happy to run an adult preparation programme. Confirmation is the weekend of 10 and 11 September 2016.

Thanks Fr Troy

DATES TO REMEMBER

Registration	1 - 27 June 2016
Parent Information Night	Thursday 28 June 7pm St Greg's Hall
Commitment Masses	Saturday 30 July 5:30pm St Raphael's Sunday 31 July 9am St Raphael's Saturday 6 August 5:30pm St Raphael's Sunday 7 August 9am St Raphael's
Retreat Day	Friday 9 September
Celebration of Sacrament	Sat. 10 September 5:30 St Raphael's (FULL) Sun. 11 September 9am & 11am St Raphael's

Any further enquiries please contact the Parish Office 6299 4611.

Thank you
Rita Pelle,
Sacramental Officer St Gregory's Parish



LOST PROPERTY



There is still a large number of items in the lost property at MacQuoid Street and Lowe Street.

If you are missing any school uniform items please come and check. On a regular basis we do check for items with names which is then returned to the children, but there is a lot without names. Anything unclaimed at the end of term will be donated to the Cloting Pool

NOTICEBOARD



The Musicorp program has been at St Gregorys now for a number of years with children learning a variety of instruments.

The instruments that are on offer are Keyboard, Acoustic guitar, bass guitar, percussion, woodwind and brass instruments. We do need more brass and woodwind students to form a school band as most students that are in the program are keyboard and guitar players.

Learning an instrument can be both fun and rewarding so if you wish your child to learn through our program please contact Musicorp on 1300 858 911 or contact the school's front office for a brochure.



QUEANBEYAN SHOW 2016

Although this year's Queanbeyan Show isn't on until 12th – 13th November 2016, now is the time to start thinking about the wonderful things that you can enter into the various categories. Full details can be found on their website:

www.queanbeyanshow.com.au

which will soon be updated for this year's events.

Enquiries can be also be emailed to:
secretary@queanbeyanshow.com.au

So...let's start creating, designing, drawing, painting, writing, planting, Lego building, sewing and knitting! There's only 5 months to go!!

Susan Camm

St Gregory's Parish



Queanbeyan
Michelago
Bungendore
Braidwood

PARISH NEW OPENING HOURS

Monday **CLOSED**
Tuesday **9 am - 3:30pm**
Wednesday **CLOSED**
Thursday **9 am - 3:30pm**
Friday **9 am - 3:30pm**

NORTHERN MISSION

Incorporating Queanbeyan, Michelago, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes

Weekday & Weekend Masses			1 st Wednesdays	10:00am	George Forbes House
Saturday	5:30pm	St Raphael's, Queanbeyan	2 nd Wednesdays	11:00am	Warrigal (Kawarree)
Sunday	9:00am & 5:30pm	St Raphael's, Queanbeyan	4 th Wednesdays	11:00am	Queanbeyan Nursing Home
Sunday	8:30am	St Bede's Braidwood -changed	Saturdays 9:30am Morning Prayer of the Church, St Raphael's		
1st Sundays	11am	Peter & Paul, Hoskinstown	Fridays 11:00—11:55am		
3rd Sundays	9 am	St Joseph's Gundaroo	Exposition & Adoration, St Raphael's		
2nd Saturday	5pm	St Patrick's Michelago	Sundays during 9am mass		
Saturday	5:30pm	St Mary's B'dore-changed	Children's Liturgy Ages 3-9yrs		
5th Sunday	12 noon	St Brigid's, Krawarree	1st, 3 & 4 th Sun	10:30am	Baptisms St Raphael's Church
Monday	NO MASS		2nd and 4 th weekends (Sat) 5:30pm / (Sun) 9am		
Tuesday	5:30pm	St Raphael's	By Appointment		
Wednesday	7:00am	St Raphael's	Mondays 10:00am—12noon		
Wednesday	9:00am	St Mary's Bungendore	1 st Wednesdays 12:30pm		
Thursday	7:00am	St Raphael's	Cancer Support Gr 6297 1912		
Friday	12noon	St Raphael's	Wednesdays 1:30—3pm		
			Prayer Group, Parish Meeting Room.		

PARISH OFFICE DETAILS:
Open: 9am -3:30pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
(Closed for lunch 1-1:30pm and all day Monday & Wednesdays)
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